Depressed Class allowance.

455. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Christian students who receive depressed class allowance in the schools of the State?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—83.

Assignment of Porambokes.

൪൫൬. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. സി. ചാണ്ടൻ.—(എ) മുളവുകാടു നിന്നുള്ള പുറമ്പോക്കുസ്ഥലങ്ങൾ പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതായ ആവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കു അവിടെയുള്ള അധികൃതരിൽനിന്നു വന്നിട്ടുള്ള ഹരജികൾ എകദേശം എത്രകാലമായിട്ടുണ്ടു; ഈ ഹരജികൾക്കു തീരുമായ കല്പനകൾ ഇല്ലാതിരിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ കാരണമെന്തെന്നു ദിവാൻപേഷ്കാർ അവർകൾക്കു സദയം മറുപടി പറയാമൊ;

(ബി) ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട നിവാസികളായ പുലയർക്കു താമസത്തിനും ഭജനമഠത്തിനും സ്ഥലത്തിനും അപേക്ഷ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടൊ; ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനു എന്തുനടപടിയാണു നടത്തിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നു സദയം മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ. ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—(എ) മുളവുകാട്ടുള്ള അധികൃതരിൽനിന്നും ഹരജികൾ വന്നിട്ടു എകദേശം മൂന്നുമാസമായിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അവക്കു നല്ലതക്കതായ സ്ഥലം താസിൽദാർ അന്വേഷിച്ചു വരുന്നുണ്ടു്.

(ബി) അപേക്ഷ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു. പ്രസ്തുത ആവശ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഉതകുന്നതായ പുറമ്പോക്കു സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ ഇല്ലാത്തതിനാൽ വേണ്ടുന്ന സ്ഥലം ലാൻറ് അകൂസിഷൻ റെഗുലേഷൻപ്രകാരം പ്രതിഫലം കൊടുത്തു എടുപ്പാൻ നടപടി നടത്തിവരുന്നുണ്ടു

Kole Committee.

457. Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a Kole Committee was appointed in the year 1920 to take evidence of all people interested in the matter and to consider in a comprehensive way the existing drawbacks of the kole cultivation and to suggest all possible remedies thereto;

(b) the reasons that led to the appointment of the said committee;

(c) the recommendations of the said committee to the Government;

(d) whether the Government have accepted the recommendations of the said committee;

(e) if so, whether the Government have done anything in conformity with the said recommendations;

(f) if so, what recommendations have been carried out and to what extent;

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(g) the number of recommendations which have not been carried out;

(h) if the above recommendations have not been carried out, the reasons for not doing so in respect of each recommendation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Failure of kole crops due to drought.

(c) 1. The diversion of the Chalakkudi river.

2. Pumping up and storing water of the kole lands into the adjacent Mundakan and Virippu lands.

3. Lending of money by Government for the purpose of purchasing steam and oil engines after making provisions for the supply of water.

4. Improvement of canal systems.

5. Inducing the kole owners to put up bunds in time for facilitating pumping operations.

6. Lowering the bed of the Enammakkal bund.

7. Introducing a system of cultivation by rotation.

8. Cultivation in small padavus.

9. The diversion of water for irrigation purposes (i) by improving the Kottenkote valavu chira, (ii) by deepening the Chirakkal bund, (iii) by putting up a new chira above Nandipulam in Kurumali river.

(d) As far as practicable. The most important of the recommendations of the committee is the diversion of the Chalakkudi river for which urgent action is being taken.

(e) Vide answer to (d).

(f) Item No. 1. Survey of the channel from Chickalai to the Kurumali river has been almost completed. Negotiations with the Travancore Government are in progress. Designs for the dam across the Chalakkudi river for the storage are under progress.

Item 2. This was given a trial and the results were not as satisfactory as expected.

Item 3. Applications for such loans will be considered.

Item 4. The proposition of deepening canals for the storage of water does not appear to be useful. The Government are, however, prohibiting the bunding up of poramboke chals for cultivation purposes as far as possible.

Item 5. ———

Item 6. This has been done.

Item 7. This did not meet with universal approval among the cultivators.

Item 8. Government is taking action regarding it.

Item 9. These works were done.

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(g) Please see answer to (f).
(h) do

Kole lands.

458. **Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have adopted the system of storing up water in different areas as a preventive for drought;

(b) if so, whether it was carried out every year;

(c) if it has been carried out in any year the acreage of land so stored up with water and the average depth of water so stored up;

(d) whether the system was dropped;

(e) if so, the reasons for dropping the scheme and not consistently following the system?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes. Bunds are put up at intervals in bends of rivers for the storage of water in the dry season.

(b) Yes.

(c) In addition to the water stored up in the bends of rivers water was pumped into an area of 650 acres at Puzhakal and 200 acres in Ollur and Chettupuzha in 1102. The average depth of water was $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(d) No. This year water is being stored in Ollur.

(e) The question does not arise.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—May I know the names of bunds put up in the bends of rivers?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There are several bunds, the Kottankote Valavu chira, Manjankuzhi chira, Illikal chira, etc.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Whether water stored up by such bunds is utilised by kole cultivators? My question was, 'whether Government have adopted the system, etc".

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is not quite clear whether you mean kole lands near the Kottankote valavu chira, etc. Water stored in these chiras are used for cultivating kole lands.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—May I know whether the scheme of storage of water was recommended to the Government in the year 1093?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The kole committee has recommended.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Is there any particular reason for not accepting it except in the year 1102?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The scheme of storing water has not proved to be a great success. In the year 1103 or 1104 we tried it and we found that the scheme of storing

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